

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
Tuesday, June 2, 2015

A meeting of the Rockport Board of Selectmen was held at 6:45 pm on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 with three selectpersons, the Town Administrator and the Asst. Town Administrator; Selectpersons Murphy and Sheedy were not present.

6:55 Meeting Called to Order

Executive Session – MGL Ch. 30A §21(a)3: Strategy Relative to Collective Bargaining Teamsters Local 42): Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen enter Executive Session under MGL Chapter 30A, §21(a) for Exception #3 to discuss strategy relative to collective bargaining and then reconvene in open session, seconded by Selectperson Wilkinson, “We are entering executive session because, by not doing so, it would be detrimental to the Town’s bargaining position.” Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Battistelli – aye, Selectperson Lucas – aye, Selectperson Wilkinson – aye, all in favor.

Executive Session,  
Collective Bargaining,  
Motion Approved  
Roll Call Vote

7:00 Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Interview of Coleen Magrath as a member of the Council on Aging: Selectperson Wilkinson nominated Coleen Magrath as a member of the Council on Aging to fill the term expiring on June 30, 2018, seconded by Selectperson Lucas, No vote taken; on action list for subsequent meeting. She said she has thirty years in the computer industry and moved to Rockport ten years ago. She said she is currently facilitating computer training classes at the Senior Center. She enjoys working with seniors. Coleen Magrath spoke about a conflict and stated that she had already filed a disclosure with Town Hall

Interview of  
Coleen Magrath  
for Council on  
Aging  
No vote taken

Permanent Intermittent Police Officer Interviews: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Michael J. Foote, Katie E. Sweet and Keith G. Militello as Permanent Intermittent Police Officers for the Town of Rockport, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 3-0. Chief Horvath said three months ago three permanent intermittent positions were requested from civil service. Eighteen candidates were received, seven began the process, one withdrew, and one did not respond. Background checks were conducted on five candidates, one was disqualified; he said the three candidates here tonight are the top three. K. Militello is a Gloucester resident, graduate of N. S. Community College with a degree in criminal justice. K. Sweet grew up in Rockport, lives in Gloucester and is currently employed in the adult healthcare field. Micheal Foote is a resident of Rockport, his father is a police officer; he said he always knew he wanted to be a police officer.

Permanent Intermittent Police Officer Interviews/  
Appointments  
M. Foote, K. Sweet and K. Militello  
Motion Approved

Interview of Bruce Reed for DPW Board of Commissioners: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board reappoint Bruce Reed as a member of the DPW Board of Commissioners for a three year term to expire on June 30, 2018, Selectperson Lucas seconded, Vote: 3-0. He said over the last three years, he is proud that the DPW has entered the electronic age. They now have project tracking ability and the ability to purchase on-line stickers. There are three things going forward that he is particularly excited about. 1) The Green Community initiative; he thinks this should be a joint venture between the Board of Selectmen and the DPW, there is \$130,000 available for energy projects if Rockport attains Green Community

Interview/  
Appointment of  
Bruce Reed for  
DPW  
Commissioners  
Motion Approved

status. 2) The new DPW barn, he said he attended a conference and he learned that energy companies will work with town/cities from the beginning of the design phase to be sure municipalities are building energy efficient projects. 3) He said he would like to get into workload to better configure the time of the staff we have. Selectperson Wilkinson wanted to express the Board's appreciation for the hard work of the DPW during the snow removal this winter.

Interview/  
Appointment of  
P. Bergholtz for  
Zoning Board of  
Appeals  
Motion Approved

Interview of Peter Bergholtz for the Zoning Board of Appeals: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Selectmen reappoint Peter Bergholtz as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term to expire on June 30, 2020, Selectperson Battistelli seconded, Vote: 3-0.

P. Bergholtz said he has been on the board for a long time, fifteen years, they have reviewed over 600 cases, he said he has enjoyed it.

Approval of  
5/19/15 Minutes  
Motion Approved

Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2015: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Selectmen approve the minutes of May 19, 2015, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 3-0. Chairperson Battistelli said where the Senior Care advisory council was mentioned; she wanted to make it clear that she had been appointed to the council as a Rockport citizen. Selectperson Wilkinson requested an edit of the minutes regarding the veterans' inter-municipal agreement; she would like it changed it to read that Rockport veterans will now be able to utilize a full time office in Gloucester. Chairperson Wilkinson requested that the minutes be revised to include the information regarding the resignation of the animal control officers. The Town Administrator said it had been agreed that this function belongs in the Police Department, we have a trained individual but she said she is not ready to announce their name yet. She said she will bring information back to the Board.

Selectmen  
Updates &  
Liaison Report

Selectmen Updates and Liaison Reports: Chairperson Battistelli said the Memorial Day parade was wonderful. She also spoke about a quiet tradition in the month of June where the Rockport Legion sponsors an all-day fishing trip; approximately 60 veterans plan on fishing and 70 stay at the hall playing bingo, and meals are served for them. B. Reed said the fishermen give up the day to take the veterans out. Selectperson Lucas said she has heard positive comments about the end of the neck.

Selectmen  
Liaisons –  
postponed

Selectmen Liaisons for FY16 - postponed

Public Comment  
Period

Public Comment Period: T. Arsenian, 95 Granite St., said a month before town meeting he spoke about train station plans and the lack of public process for airing the plans. He has questions about the consent order and the easements. He was told that the DPW was in charge of the easements; then he was told that the DPW is not responsible. He said there has been a lack of public discussion. The plans will cut off access to Evan's field and do not address the drainage concerns. There is an assumption that the plans will move forward. Chairperson Battistelli said the design is 100% complete, the funding has been set aside, but we can't be sure if it disappears or not. She said we are hesitant to hold meetings to review the plans in the event that the funding disappears. In 2013 a smaller scale project was presented. The power station on their property was an open power station; they went back and revised the plans so it's fully encased. The plans they have for Rockport are set up so if there is more money down the road, we will still be eligible for the larger renovation in the future.

Elizabeth Sullivan, Summit Ave., said she is blasted out of bed at 4am; it is very disruptive. She said the trains are only supposed to run for 20 min. She doesn't find that the town is very aggressive with the MBTA. She said this needs to be a priority for the town; if Rockport is a tourist destination, it is a poor initiation for visitors to town.

T. Arsenian, 95 Granite St., said he doesn't believe the plans are of any benefit to the town.

Town Administrator's Report: The Asst. Town Administrator said the parking meters and kiosks are in place. He said Sgt. Tibert has reported that mechanically there have been no issues. Instructions will be available and they are user-friendly. Kiosks at Back Beach did well, \$1,100 for Sunday and Monday of Memorial Day Weekend. The Town Administrator said on tonight's agenda there are year-end transfers for DPW, she would like to add a motion for a year-end transfer for parking meter maintenance. A shop owner said the meters are tall and you need to put some shade because of the glare, they're difficult to read. The Town Administrator said she received a letter suggesting a new Poet Lauriat for Rockport; she has contacted the current Poet Lauriat to see if she is interested in stepping down. Harborlights was looking for opinions on the property at 5 Granite Street; there are 17 units and 6 adjacent town houses. They want to see if there is interest for low income housing or housing for seniors. It was decided that Harborlights would be advised to explore the possibilities. The Asst. Town Administrator spoke about the record storage issues for town hall, he said staff from several town departments went through some boxes; probably one half of the boxes can be destroyed. The plan is to organize the space better going forward. The Sediment Transport Study presentation by Applied Coastal is being held at the library in the Peggy Brenner Room at 6/8.

Town  
Administrator's  
Report

#### 7:50 Action List

Action List:

Selectperson Wilkinson moved that we transfer \$2,165 from Parking Meter Attendant Wages to Parking Meter Maintenance expense, seconded by Selectperson Lucas, Vote: 3-0.

Add motion to  
agenda on Fund  
Transfer  
Motion Approved

Selectperson Wilkinson moved to add an item to tonight's meeting for the year end transfer of funds from Parking Meter Attendant wages to Parking Meter Maintenance, seconded by Selectperson Lucas, Vote: 3-0.

Transfer funds  
from Parking  
Meter wages to  
Maintenance  
Motion Approved

Appointment of Lifeguards for 2015 Season: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Graham Lott, Cayden Grooms, Andrew Gleckner, Alexandra Arnaud, Mariah Lowe, Sean Flynn, Hannah Lorden, Jack Fritz, and Myles Wrinn as lifeguards, all as seasonal employees for 2015 contingent upon receipt of acceptable CORI results, Selectperson Lucas seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Appointment of  
Lifeguards for  
2015 Season  
Motion Approved

Appointment of Parking Meter Attendants for 2015 Season: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Matthew Walkinshaw and Nancy Warner as Parking Meter Attendants, both as seasonal employees for 2015, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Appointment of  
Parking Meter  
Attendance for  
2015 Season  
Motion Approved

Appointment of  
Asst. Thacher  
Island Keepers  
Motion  
Approved

Appointment of Assistant Thacher Island Keeper: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint Larry Haynes as an Assistant Thacher Island Keeper for the 2015 season, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Acceptance of  
Resignation of  
Treasurer/  
Collector  
Operations Asst.  
Motion  
Approved

Acceptance of Resignation of Treasurer/Collector Operations Assistant: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board accept the resignation of Tristin Hoare as the Treasurer/Collector Operations Assistant, effective June 1, 2015, Selectperson Lucas seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Approval to Hire  
Treasurer/  
Collector  
Operations Asst.  
Motion  
Approved

Approval to Hire Treasurer/Collector Operations Assistant Replacement: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen grant permission to the Treasurer/Collector to hire a Treasurer/Collector Operations Assistant to fill a vacancy due to a resignation, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Yearend Transfer  
for DPW  
Motion  
Approved

Yearend Transfer for DPW: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and ask the Chairperson to sign a year end transfer of \$10,000 for DPW from Public Properties Wages to the Public Properties Other Purchased Services account to pay for an additional expense incurred due to the past winter storm damage, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Declaration of  
Surplus Property  
Motion  
Approved

Declaration of Surplus Property: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board of Selectmen declare the 1982 Thacher Island launch boat and trailer as surplus property and authorize its disposition, Selectperson Lucas seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Acceptance of  
Gift of Art  
Motion  
Approved

Acceptance of Gift of Art: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board gratefully accept a gift of a pen and ink drawing of the Sea Scout Skiff by Betty Wiberg to be added to the Town Art Collection, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Move from  
Ballot Boxes to  
Tabulators for  
Voting -  
Motion  
Approved

Move from Ballot Boxes to Tabulators for Voting: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Selectmen direct the Rockport Election Officers to stop using the old ballot boxes and approve the purchase, lease, or lease with option to purchase, three or more Imagecast Precinct Optical Scan Tabulators and order their use at primaries, preliminary elections, elections of state and town officers, and for taking votes on questions submitted to the voters in Rockport, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 3-0.

2A-G Long Beach  
Address Change  
Motion  
Approved

2A-G Long Beach Address Change: Selectperson Wilkinson moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign a lease for 2A-G Long Beach with Cape Hedge LLC to reflect a change of address, Selectperson Lucas seconded, Vote: 3-0.

Frank Street  
Roadway  
Reconstruction  
Motion  
Approved

Frank Street Roadway Reconstruction Project Agreement: Selectperson Lucas moved that the Board of Selectmen approve and sign an Agreement with Sunshine Paving Corporation for the Frank Street Roadway Reconstruction in the amount of \$70,145, Selectperson Wilkinson seconded, Vote: 3-0.

## 8:20 Discussion Items

Farmer Winery License to Sell at a Farmer's Market: Heather Atwood and Sarah Kelly are in attendance. The Rockport Exchange started Farmers Market in 2013, this is 3rd year. It's a

small but mighty way to address some food issues for Rockport; there are a lot of local vendors. In 2012 the state of Massachusetts started recognizing the small farm movement; they have allowed bottled wine sellers from Massachusetts to sell their wine at these markets. It is seen as an agricultural product; the wine is a little expensive. A small sample can be offered, it can't be more than one ounce and the patron has to stand right there; five ounces are the maximum. Identifications would be checked. This will be on the action list for the next meeting.

Warrant Signed:

Warrant signed for the Fiscal Year 2015 Payroll and Expenses for the week of June 4, 2015 in the amounts of \$111,477.05 and \$550,735.67 respectively.

Items signed:

Appropriation transfers between or within departments

Nicholas Gil Clark, Street Performer's License

Jeffrey Lemire, Street Performer's License

Sunshine Paving, Contractor Agreement Frank Street

Lease Agreement Robert DeNisco, 7 Magnolia Drive, Lynnfield, 2A-G at Long Beach

Sandy Bay Yacht Club, Common Victualler's License

Hula Moon, Common Victualler's License

Selectperson Lucas moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectperson Wilkinson Vote: 3-0.